

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
  - a. an amount of an Lp(a) inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;
  - b. an amount of a statin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and
  - c. a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
2. A pharmaceutical composition of Claim 1 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
3. A pharmaceutical composition of Claim 2 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, mevastatin, lovastatin, cerivastatin, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
4. A pharmaceutical composition of Claim 3 wherein the Lp(a) inhibitor is a retinoid.
5. A pharmaceutical composition of Claim 4 comprising atorvastatin calcium and 9-cis-retinoic acid.
6. A first pharmaceutical composition for use with a second pharmaceutical composition for achieving a hypolipidemic effect in a mammal suffering from hyperlipidemia, which effects are greater than the sum of the hypolipidemic effects achieved by administering said first and second pharmaceutical compositions separately and which second pharmaceutical composition comprises an amount of an Lp(a) inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof and a

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, said first pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of a statin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent; provided that said statin is not atorvastatin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. A composition of Claim 6 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin.
8. A composition of Claim 7 wherein said second pharmaceutical composition comprises a retinoid.
9. A first pharmaceutical composition for use with a second pharmaceutical composition for achieving a hypolipidemic effect in a mammal suffering from hyperlipidemia, which effects are greater than the sum of the hypolipidemic effects achieved by administering said first and second pharmaceutical compositions separately and which second pharmaceutical composition comprises an amount of a statin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, said first pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of 9-cis-retinoic acid.
10. A composition of Claim 9 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
11. A composition of Claim 10 comprising 9-cis-retinoic acid.

12. A first pharmaceutical composition for use with a second pharmaceutical composition for managing cardiac risk in a mammal at risk of suffering an adverse cardiac event, which effect is greater than the sum of the cardiac risk management effects achieved by administering said first and second pharmaceutical compositions separately, and which second pharmaceutical composition comprises an amount of a statin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, said first pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of an Lp(a) inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
13. A composition of Claim 12 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, or lovastatin.
14. A composition of Claim 13 comprising a retinoid.
15. A kit for achieving a therapeutic effect in a mammal comprising:
- an amount of an Lp(a) inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent in a first unit dosage form;
  - an amount of a statin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent in a second unit dosage form; and
  - container means for containing said first and second dosage forms; provided that said statin is not atorvastatin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. A kit of Claim 15 wherein said statin is atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of simvastatin, pravastatin, rivastatin, mevastatin, fluindostatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, dalvastatin, dihydrocompactin, compactin, cerivastatin, or lovastatin.
17. A kit of Claim 16 comprising a retinoid.
18. A kit of Claim 17 employing 9-cis-retinoic acid.
19. A kit of Claim 15 wherein said therapeutic effect is treatment of hyperlipidemia.
20. A kit of Claim 15 wherein said therapeutic effect is treatment of angina pectoris.
21. A kit of Claim 15 wherein said therapeutic effect is treatment of cardiac risk.
22. A kit of Claim 15 wherein said therapeutic effect is treatment of atherosclerosis.
23. A kit of Claim 22 wherein said treatment of atherosclerosis slows the progression of atherosclerotic plaques.
24. A kit of Claim 23 wherein said progression of atherosclerotic plaques is slowed in coronary arteries.
25. A kit of Claim 23 wherein said progression of atherosclerotic plaques is slowed in carotid arteries.

26. A kit of Claim 23 wherein said progression of atherosclerotic plaques is slowed in the peripheral arterial system.
27. A kit of Claim 22 wherein said treatment of atherosclerosis causes the regression of atherosclerotic plaques.
- 5 28. A kit of Claim 27 wherein said regression of atherosclerotic plaques occurs in coronary arteries.